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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby and Vice Chairman Leahy:

I am pleased to submit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Expenditure Plan for the funding in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 116-113). The enclosure provides additional information by Fund, Program Project, and Activity, and includes detail on planned work to be accomplished with the supplemental resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ed Walsh, of my staff, at walsh.ed@epa.gov or (202) 564-4594 should you require any additional information on the EPA's operating plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

The Office of Water

Office	Appropriation	Program Project	Funding Estimate	Obligations
OW	STAG	Infrastructure Assistance: Mexico Border	\$300 million	\$0.0

Description of Activity: Section 821 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act authorized and directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with eligible public entities, to carry out the planning, design, construction, and operation and maintenance of high priority treatment works in the Tijuana River watershed to treat wastewater (including stormwater), nonpoint sources of pollution, and related matters resulting from international transboundary water flows originating in Mexico. Title IX appropriated \$300,000,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grants for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construction and related activities in connection with the construction of high priority wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate border commission.

Work to be Accomplished: EPA is actively assessing and developing a program implementation strategy to implement USMCA Implementation Act provisions and provide infrastructure solutions to the environmental challenges in the Tijuana River Valley. The infrastructure implementation strategy will include engagement with eligible entities and local stakeholders as required by the Act, as well as the process for project selection, design and construction. The USMCA strategy will, in general, be implemented through the Border Water Infrastructure Program, building on a successful program history of working collaboratively with partners and communities to address urgent public health and environmental needs along the US-Mexico border.

Description of Administrative or Personnel Funding: EPA will use the same administrative resources, personnel, and processes as the U.S.-Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program to implement this provision of USMCA and assess additional resource needs moving forward.

Fund	Program Project	Activity Name	Est. Cost	Begin Date	End Date
STAG Infrastructure Assistance: Mexico Border	Infrastructure Assistance: Mexico Border	USMCA	\$300 million	TBD	TBD

The Office International and Tribal Affairs

Office	Appropriation	Program Project	Funding Estimate	Obligations
OITA	EPM	Trade and Governance	\$4 million	\$0.0

Description of Activity: Provides support to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) which facilitates collaboration and public participation to foster conservation, protection and enhancement of the North American environment for the benefit of present and future generations, in the context of increasing economic, trade, and social links among Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Work to be Accomplished: EPA will continue its participation in the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), which provides regional and international leadership to advance environmental protection, human health and sustainable economic growth in North America. EPA will also continue work on implementation of the Environment Chapter and the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) of the USMCA trade agreement, utilizing both redirected base resources and additional investment. Activities will include environmental cooperation in such areas as environmental governance, conservation of biological diversity, sustainable management of natural resources, and providing subject matter expertise.

Description of Administrative or Personnel Funding: Funds appropriated to EPA in the Environmental Programs and Management appropriation through annual appropriations will provide administrative support for these additional supplemental resources.

Fund	Program Project	Activity Name	Est. Cost	Begin Date	End Date
EPM	Trade and Governance	Commission for Environmental Cooperation	\$1 M for FY2020 FY2021 FY2022 FY2023	FY 2020	TBD